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Office at his residence, first house North of the Congregational Meeting House, Middlebury, Nov. 25, 1856.

EDWARD MUSSEY

Respectfully informs the people of this county and the public at large, that he has taken the

ADDISON HOUSE,

In Middlebury, as a place of residence. He intends to keep a first-rate house, and hopes by strict attention to the wants of his guests and moderate charges, to merit a liberal share of the public patronage.

Middlebury, May 21, 1856.

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JEWELRY AND FANCY GOODS,

EVER OFFERED IN THIS COUNTY.

Middlebury, February 18, 1857.

### PIANO FORTE

### Tuning and Repairing.

M. A. W. POWERS, who has taken the place

of Mr. Goodrich, as Tuner and Repairer,

would respectfully inform the citizens of Middle-

bury, that he may be expected there for that purpose, as soon as the 10th of March next. He

hopes by close attention to his business to be able to give general satisfaction.

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## Poetry.

### The Story of a Life.

BY HARRY CORNWALL, (PROCTOR.)

Day dawn'd. Within a curtain'd room.

Fill'd to faintness with perfume,

A lady lay at point of doom.

Day closed. A child had seen the light,

But for the lady, fair and bright,

She rested in undreaming night.

Spring came. The lady's grave was green,

And near it oftentimes was seen

A gentle boy with thoughtful mien.

Years fled. He wore a manly face.

And struggled in the world's rough race,

And won at least a lofty place.

And then he died! Behold before ye

Humanity's brief sun and story,

Life, death, and all that is of glory!

### God Help the Poor.

Darkest the winter day

Dawns on the poor man's way—

Who can endure?

See, the old weary wight

Wanders from noon till night

Shelterless! homeless! quite!

God help the poor!

Now the red robin, here,

Sits on the sill;

Not e'en a grain of bere

Touches its bill;

So with the homeless poor,

Wandering from door to door,

Seeking a morsel more;

Lord, 'tis thy will.

Night spreads her sable wing;

Where can they lie?

Sorrows like theirs must bring

Tears to their eye;

Full the cloud torrents fall,

Down they must lie in halls;

Each to his Maker calls,

"Lord, let me die!"

Ye whom the heavens bless,

Give from your store;

"Till ne'er make your treasure less—

Must make them more;

For he that gives cheerfully

Gives loves so tenderly;

Give to them—pray with me,

"God help the poor!"

## Miscellaneous.

[From the New Orleans Daily Creole.]

American Manufactures of Gold

and Silver; Watch-Making

Business in Switzerland.

Some months since a paragraph

announcing that a gentleman of considerable

wealth and taste, a watchmaker, was

about introducing five hundred Swiss

watchmakers into some part of Texas,

for the purpose of establishing a watch-

manufacture there, went the rounds of the

press. But the subject was so new

to the public mind, that it was

to be entirely forgotten. When the

project was a failure or whether it is to

be or has been carried out, we are not

advised.

The following account, which we de-

rive from a very reliable source, may

be found interesting, and doubtless, may

make the public better acquainted with

the benefits to be derived from such an

establishment.

One of the largest and most interest-

ing branches of Swiss industry is the

watch-making trade. It is carried on to

an immense and still increasing extent

in the mountainous districts of Neu-

chatel, in the French portion of the

Canton of Berne, and of Gouva. It has

been a source of wealth and comfort to

many thousands of the inhabitants, who,

in the seldom visited villages of the

Swiss, have gathered around them a

large portion of the enjoyments of life.

Switzerland has long furnished the

markets of France, and though the names

of certain French watch-makers have

obtained a European celebrity, yet an

examination into this trade has elicited

the fact, that not ten watches are made

in Paris in the course of a year—the im-

mense consumption of France being fur-

nished from Switzerland, the Swiss work-

men being only examined and rectified by

the French watch-makers.

The Jura mountains have been the

cradle of much celebrity in the mechan-

ical arts, particularly in those exquisite

productions of which a minute compila-

tion is the peculiar characteristic.

During the winter—which lasts from

six to seven months—the inhabitants, in

a manner, imprisoned in their

dwellings, engaged in the completion of

those works which require the utmost

development of skillful ingenuity. An-

nually over twenty thousand watches are

produced in the elevated regions of Neu-

chatel. The most remarkable of the

French watch-makers had their birth and

education in Switzerland.

The art of clock-making was introduced

into the mountains of Neuchatel in a

manner worthy of notice. As early as

the seventeenth century some workmen

had constructed clocks with weights, but

no idea had been conceived of making

clocks with springs. About the end of

that century, an inhabitant of the moun-

tains, returned from a long voyage,

brought with him a watch, which was an

object previously unknown in that coun-

try. It was put into the hands of a

skillful workman to be repaired, who

succeeded in repairing it, and then, from

a spirit of adventure, set about to make

a similar one, in which he was also suc-

cessful, notwithstanding the difficulties

he had to encounter, he having to con-

struct the tools with which he wrought,

as also all the different movements of the

watch.

This success naturally created a great

sensation; other persons were stimu-

lated to try what they could do; and a

new branch of industry sprung up in

the mountains of Neuchatel. During the

last forty or fifty years, a few workmen

only were employed in watch-making;

and, owing to the numberless difficulties

they had to surmount, to the slowness of

execution, caused by the absence of con-

venient tools, the want of proper mate-

rials, &c., the productions and profits

were inconsiderable.

At length they began to procure from

Geneva the articles of which they stood

in need, and they also procured many

necessary articles from England; but

the high prices which these articles cost,

induced many of the workmen to attempt

to provide them for themselves. They not

only thus succeeded in rivaling foreign

tools, but they eventually made many

superior ones, till then unknown.

From that period, they have constantly

invented other instruments, in order

to facilitate and perfect the art of watch-

making; and at the present period, the

manufacture of watch-making tools and

apparatuses is become a branch of in-

dustry of so much importance as to en-

able the inhabitants to supply them to

those countries from whence they formerly

were imported.

About a century ago, a few merchants

of Neuchatel began to collect together

small parcels of watches, in order to sell

them in foreign markets. The success

which attended these speculations in-

duced and encouraged the population to

devote themselves still more to the pro-

duction of articles of ready sale; so

much so, that nearly the entire in-

habitants have embraced the watchmak-

ing trade.

Within the last half century the popu-

lation has increased three-fold, indepen-

dent of the great number of workmen

who are established in almost all the

towns of Europe, in the United States,

and even in the East Indies and China.

From this period a great change has be-

come apparent in the country of Neu-

chatel, where, notwithstanding the bar-

reness of the soil and severity of the

climate, beautiful and well-built villages